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Column One

By

David Courtney

THE French electorate has voted. There has never been a time when the world could be indifferent to the results of French elections. Today, normal public interest in the event has become public anxiety about the outcome. In one real sense it is a "rigged" election: that is to say the system of counting adopted by the outgoing Parliament was worked out with the object of damaging the prospects of two legal political parties — the Communists and the Gaullists: particularly the Communists, who were the largest single party in the Assembly. The Gaullists in some cases joined centre and right-wing candidates in an anti-red alliance, and may have benefited from the new system in certain instances. The Communists, of course, were on their own, and in most constituencies had to poll more than all other parties combined or forfeit their seats.

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AS this is being written, darkess is coming down over France and most of the electors have voted and gone home to supper. The counting is well under way, but no indication of the likely result has come from Paris. By the early morning it should be possible to know better what kind of government France may expect; and what kind of opposition to it is likely in the country as well as in Parliament. If as many Communist supporters as before are shown in the figures, the situation is likely to become serious, even though the number of Deputies they will have sent to the Assembly may be much fewer. One important difference between the Communist and other parties is that its strength lies in its capacity to organize and direct a powerful section of the nation in a manner more embarrassing to government than the tactics of Parliamentary Opposition.

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ITALY has already given an example of what may happen in France. The recent Italian Municipal elections resulted in a reduction of the number of Communists in office but a considerable increase in the number of electors voting Communist. Togliatti has taken good heart from this and his party has shown a confidence that was absent before the elections. He has demanded a place for himself and Nenni in any new coalition and has warned the government that any attempt to curb the rights of Communists or to restrict the activities of the party will be met with force. He has announced that "if the United States attempts to force upon Italy a reactionary, anti-Communist regime," a battle would be started which, "under no circumstances could end in a defeat of the working class." Togliatti had not talked like that for a long time.

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THE French Communist Party, if made equally confident by yesterday's poll, is in a better position to make things difficult for the new French government than Togliatti and Nenni to be a nuisance to the government in Rome. If the party has done less well than the Italian Communists, it will remain in control of the major trade unions and will continue to exercise more influence than the government dare admit in the civil defence and the army. For one thing, no new government in France (unless de Gaulle turning tomorrow's victory parade into the occasion for a *Coup d'Etat*, achieves dictatorial power — an unlikely possibility), has much chance of being able to stand up to serious resistance either in Parliament or in the country. Its programme of raising ten divisions, within the Atlantic Treaty requirements, by the end of the year, is almost certain to fail, especially as the war in Indo-China absorbs almost the entire influx of French officers and N.C.O.'s. The additional economic effort to fulfil the Atlantic Pact obligations can only come at the cost of more taxation and lower living standards. The process, dangerous in Britain, may be catastrophic in France. Whatever the results of yesterday's elections, no government that may come out for it can be regarded as durable in the face of such appalling problems.

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Off Record Talks In Persia

ABADAN, Sunday. — The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's Persian language newspaper was closed down today by order of the Persian Military Governor, who charged it had been "a cause of anxiety among the population" and had acted in a way "contrary to the interests of the State."

Several hours later, however, after he had conferred with A.I.O.C. officials, the Governor, Brigadier Kamal, announced the closure had been caused "by a misunderstanding" and promptly lifted the ban.

The Company's paper, the "Persian Daily News," with a circulation of 6,000, is the only Persian language daily in the Kurzistan province.

Last night, it was reported here that 2,800 British employees of the A.I.O.C. decided to stay away from work today in protest against the Persian Government's oil nationalization activities. Today, however, there were no reports confirming that the men had stayed away from work.

In Teheran today, the Finance Minister, Ali Varasteh, met the A.I.O.C. delegates for an hour in what Mr. Basil Jackson, leader of the delegation, later described as a "purely informal and off the record meeting." A source close to the Persian delegation said that both sides had discussed Persia's need for money on an informal basis, and claimed that the Company's delegates were willing to try to find some formula to make funds available to the Persian Government immediately.

Mossadeq in Bed

Persian sources also reported that the British delegates raised the activities of Persian officials in Abadan "taking over" the Company. After the meeting, the Persian delegation visited ailing Premier Mossadeq to give him a bedside report on the talks. Mr. Jackson was meanwhile waiting to confer with the A.I.O.C.'s Abadan Refinery manager, Mr. Drake, who left for Teheran this morning.

Meanwhile, there have been continuing "leaks" from British sources indicating that British employees in Iran have been prepared for immediate evacuation if British life or property is considered to be in danger. A report from Abadan today said that those employees whose task was to act as bus drivers in the event of evacuation have been ordered to stand by.

Some non-British sources however, considered that plans for evacuation were being specially publicized as a warning to Persia, and did not necessarily indicate that Britain would be willing to evacuate immediately if Persia were to "get tough."

Tankers continued to load at Abadan docks today without interruption. A company official said two Persians boarded one tanker and asked the captain, how he paid for his cargo. The captain replied: "I have nothing to do with that."

Mr. K.B. Ross, an A.I.O.C. refineries manager, this morning escorted part of the Persian official delegation on a trip through the refineries area.

(A.P., Reuter)

Stabbing Charged To 'British Agent'

TEHERAN, Sunday. — When the man accused of stabbing a U.S. consular official at the southern industrial town of Isfahan yesterday is brought to trial, it will be shown that "he is a tool of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the British," Hussein Makki, Premier Mossadeq's right-hand man, stated here today.

When questioned, Mr. Makki said he had "no factual information" about the incident and did not even know whether the culprit had been arrested but he was certain it was a further attempt to stir up bad feeling in the U.S. against the Persians.

The wounded man was not the U.S. Vice-Consul, as previously reported, it was learned today, but Mr. Stewart Smith, a American clerk attached to the Consulate in Isfahan. The U.S. Embassy here has asked the Consulate in Isfahan for a report on the stabbing. A version of the incident given by Mr. Smith's friends said that he was turning the Consulate car round in a narrow street when he felt a sharp sting in his shoulder as a cyclist passed by the window. Only later he discovered from a bloodstain that he had been stabbed. The injury was not serious.

Talks Deadlocked

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuter). — Pravda's Foreign Correspondent, Yakov Viktorov, said today the Foreign Ministers' Deputies talks in Paris were still deadlocked and the latest Western notes had brought "nothing new."

"The refusal of the Western powers to discuss the question of the Atlantic pact and American military bases completely unmasks the hypocrisy of their affirmations of alleged efforts to find a peaceful settlement of controversial issues," Viktorov wrote.

The headline "repetition of the manoeuvre that failed" appeared in all Moscow papers today over a special Tass dispatch from Paris which said the latest Three-Power notes were designed to deceive public opinion and repeat the manoeuvre of May 31 aimed at the "disruption of a convocation of a Council of Foreign Ministers."

Commonwealth Ministers To Discuss Middle East Defence

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Sunday. — Middle Eastern defence forms the main item on the agenda of the Commonwealth talks opening here on Thursday, at which Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia will be represented by their Defence Ministers, an innovation for such conferences.

The absence of India, Pakistan and Ceylon might be described as another innovation, but is in fact due to the Kashmir dispute which has caused India and Pakistan to mobilize against each other.

Of those who attend, Canada is not expected to make a contribution in manpower, while Australia and New Zealand are increasingly worried about dangers in the Pacific. That leaves South Africa, which is sending the strongest delegation and is expected to make the main contribution.

It is now regarded as likely that its Defence Minister, Mr. Erasmus, who is accompanied by the Chief of Staff and other high-ranking officers, will offer to make a second armoured division available if Britain helps in supplying the material. Such help is, however, conditional on the prior fulfilment of Britain's obligations in Europe.

The delegates will probably be told that with Europe in its present state only secondary material can be supplied for equipment of Middle Eastern forces. They will also be urged to pool their requirements so that the necessary priority orders in America can be placed for the whole Commonwealth. Meanwhile, the gap will be bridged from Britain's dwindling surplus stocks — including tanks and planes manufactured since the war but about to be superseded.

On the strategic side no decisions are possible while the roles of Turkey and Greece remain uncertain and the search continues for bases in Egypt, Jordan and East Africa. Apart from some very tentative strategic planning, therefore, the Conference is likely to occupy itself chiefly with schemes for increasing arms output.

'Aggressive Air Mood' in Korea

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter). — U.N. troops continued their advance on the Korean central front today, but met stiffer resistance — progress being interrupted by a series of light counter attacks. These attacks were staged while 15 Communist MIG fighters swooped across the Yalu river in what was described as the "most aggressive air mood" of the whole war.

The foray, along "MIG alley" in the northern corner of Korea, was met by 20 American Sabre jets, pilots of which claimed to have shot down one of the MIGs and damaged six. The Sabre jet versus MIG battle was fought in a series of scattered, savage dogfights lasting 20 minutes.

Throughout last night Superforts and B-26 Invaders rained 500-pound bombs on Communist troop concentrations on the Western and Eastern sectors of the front. Far East air force headquarters said they aimed the bombs by a new radar technique which makes night bombing "accurate."

American Marine and Fifth Air Force pilots claimed at least 200 Communist troops were casualties in missions over the area just north of Pyonggang on the central front, where stubborn Communist defenders are still holding out, and in another attack northwest of Hyonni.

Joint Committee Formed for UJA Bond Drive

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The formation of a national committee, jointly representing the Israel Bond Issue and the United Jewish Appeal, to co-ordinate the activities of the two enterprises, was announced by Mr. Eliezer Kaplan on the eve of his return to Israel.

Mr. Kaplan said: "In projecting a three-year programme for the economic development of Israel, the Government placed strong reliance on the traditional generosity and sense of statesmanship of the American Jewish community. In the four-point programme adopted unanimously by American Jewish representatives in Washington in 1950, the two points which involve community-wide action are the U.J.A., for philanthropic purposes, and the Israel bonds, for investment purpose.

"Israel is interested in the best results for both. She believes the two activities are complementary. The American Jewish community has made it clear that it wishes to give wholehearted backing to these two different ways of strengthening Israel. In the course of activity for both, a number of problems have arisen as a result of which it is believed co-ordinated action would be helpful to both.

"Accordingly it was proposed that a committee be established to represent the U.J.A. and the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, which is the sponsor for the Israel bond issue. The aim of this committee would be to see the maximum results for both endeavours. I have indicated to the two organizations the underlying principles which animate Israel in respect to the two enterprises. It is gratifying to be able to announce that the U.J.A. and the bond organization accepted the proposal for a joint committee and are going forward to implement it."

Budapest Jews Ask To Come Here

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A considerable increase in the number of Jews wishing to emigrate to Israel has been noted in the Hungarian capital since the deportations from Budapest began, and about 500 persons are applying daily to the Israel Legation there.

Long queues are reported to be forming each day before the Legation offices, and extra police have been drafted there to maintain order.

The deportations will head the agenda of the National Conference of the Histadrut Olei Hungaria when it is convened in Nathanya on Tuesday. The Union represents 100,000 Israelis of Hungarian origin.

Reports on Expulsions

The conference will hear reports on the expulsions and discuss ways and means of helping Hungarian Jewry.

It is reported that persons are ordered to leave Budapest by cards issued by the State Security Officer, indicating by their colour the class of "unproductivity" of the deportee and the terms of his departure. Some classes of the unproductive are given only two hours to leave the capital, and are forbidden to take anything but some personal belongings: others are given 12 to 24 hours to evacuate. The most privileged category is permitted to take 500 kilograms of personal belongings.

It is reported that the terms of place of transfer differ, some persons being ordered to report for work in a given sector of Hungary. Others are simply ordered to settle in a certain place and not to leave it.

Knesset to Resume Sessions Today

After a week's adjournment, the Knesset will meet again today to begin work on an agenda of 27 items.

One is a law empowering the Government to sign a contract with the Bank Leumi LeIsrael establishing it as the authorized issue bank. This law is actually a prolongation of the law authorizing the Anglo-Palestine Bank as the issue bank, which expires on the June 30.

Ben Gurion Message to Browdy; Silver Welcomes 'Reversal'

ATLANTIC CITY, Sunday. — "The Zionist Movement in America is now standing at the crossroads and a rare opportunity has been given to your organization to pave the way for a unifying and united Zionist Movement which will stand at the head of American Jewry in the great era which opened for the Jewish people with the establishment of the State and the beginning of the Ingathering of the Exiles." Mr. Ben Gurion said in a message to the Z.O.A. annual convention yesterday.

"The establishment of the State has created the possibility of full realization of the Zionist vision but we still have a long way to go and continuous efforts by our entire people, directed by the Zionist idea in its full significance, is still needed to reach our final goal — the building of the State of Israel and its security, fulfilment of the Ingathering of the Exiles and the enhancement of the Pioneer Movement and Hebrew culture and education," he added.

"These are the main tasks of the Zionist Movement at this hour. All parts of the Movement, irrespective of social and spiritual tendencies, are now called upon to unite for action. My sincerest wishes are sent to your convention that it may find in its midst strength, will and wisdom to consolidate the Movement and turn the Zionist Organization into the organization of the Jewish people as a whole," Mr. Ben Gurion concluded.

The hope that "the State of Israel will lead the way towards freedom and opportunity in the Middle East," benefiting the world at large, was expressed by President Truman in a message addressed to Mr. Benjamin Browdy, President of the Z.O.A.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver termed Mr. Ben Gurion's message "a complete and welcome reversal" of the position he had taken while in the U.S. While there was no specific mention of special status for the Zionist Movement in relation to the building of Israel, such status was implied in the message, contrary to the Premier's previous attitude, Dr. Silver added.

(INA, UP)

"Davar," yesterday printed a statement by the Prime Minister denying that he had ever declared there was no need for the Zionist Movement to have a special status in Israel law, and terming such reports "fabrications."

By Jesse Zel Lurie

ATLANTIC CITY, Sunday. — After hearing Dr. Emanuel Neumann accuse the Mapai of "resorting to every expedient to capture the forthcoming Zionist Congress" and reduce the Zionist Movement "to innocuous impotence," a resolution was passed by 329 to 127 votes identifying the ZOA with the Israel General Zionist party led by Mr. I. Rokach, Mayor of Tel Aviv, and Mr. J. Saphir, Mayor of Petah Tikva.

In the opinion of opponents of Rabbi Silver and Dr. Neumann, this step is likely in two years to reduce the ZOA to a membership of about 50,000, and a minor role in American Jewish affairs.

Loading to Korea Resumed After Delay

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The loading of $34,000 worth of citrus juice concentrates destined for the civilian population of South Korea was held up for about two hours this morning when some of the port workers refused to handle the cargo. The ship was the Henrietta Szold.

When the refusal was announced at about 10 o'clock, the local Labour Council was informed, and a member of the Council later held a meeting with the Port Workers' Committee at which a majority decided to resume work.

FRENCH ELECTION RESULTS TODAY

PARIS, Sunday. — All France went to the polls today to elect a new parliament, the first to be convened under the amended constitution system intended to favour the election chances of the combined centre parties.

Polling ended at 5 o'clock GMT (8 p.m. in Israel), and due to the complicated party affiliations it was expected that no general trend in results would be available for 10 or 12 hours after the count began.

Late yesterday fighting broke out in Nice where pre-voting rancour between the Communists and General De Gaulle's rally of the French people erupted in a brief but violent bloodshed.

Negev Rejoices As Tap Of Water Line Opened

By Eraya Shapiro

NORTHERN NEGEV, Sunday. — Three fountains sprang several metres high in the yellow wilderness when Avraham Hartzfeld, the grey-haired patron of new settlers during the past quarter of a century, turned the tap of the water pipeline to the Negev near the new central pumping station among the sun-baked hills today. It marked the official opening of the pumping station and of the water line.

The celebration took place in a natural amphitheatre in which benches had been improvised by placing planks over bricks. A number of hay bales formed a stage in a corner of which a children's choir and an orchestra were placed. Microphones carried the speeches over a great area.

Capacity Insufficient

Mr. Levi Eshkol, treasurer of the Jewish Agency and Director-General of the Mekorot Water Company, said that the pipeline represented "adventurous Zionism." When Mekorot started its search for underground water just 15 years ago, few believed they would find any. The first million litres annually were struck in the Emek, and today, Mekorot accounts for 100m. litres annually.

Mr. Eshkol said he knew that the present capacity of the water line to the Negev was insufficient, as that area needed 1,000m. litres a year. A Yarkon river project would help narrow the gap. Mr. Eshkol also said that a factory for water pipes of two metres in diameter would shortly be erected in the Negev.

President's Greetings

Mr. Yosef Weitz, of the Jewish National Fund, who acted as master of ceremonies, read greetings from President Weizmann. The Prime Minister, Mr. D. Ben Gurion who was unable to attend, also sent greetings. Others who spoke were Mr. A. Granott, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund; Mr. A. Kamini, Chairman of Israel Committee of the J.N.F. and Mr. Z. Onn, of the Histadrut Executive.

The celebrations included performances by school children from old and new settlements in the Negev, with dancers in white and blue robes under the direction of Miss Sara Levi.

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$14m. Materials Bought Abroad

Essential raw materials valued at $14.5m. have been ordered from abroad for stockpiling under a special Treasury allocation, it was disclosed yesterday.

The stocks are in addition to the normal purchases of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and have been made in view of world shortages.

They comprise 18,000 pounds of wool-tops, 381 tons cotton thread, 70 tons rubber, 3,550 cu. m. of bulk timber 6,100 cu. m. white timber, 1,000 tons iron rods, 2,000 tons wire for nails, 2,470 tons non-ferrous metals, 1,090 tons black steel sheets, and 350 tons special metal sheets.

Most of the goods are already on the way to Israel, and the rest will be despatched in the near future.

'Enough Wheat' But no Details

Reports that the nation faces serious shortages in wheat are untrue, Ministry of Agriculture officials told The POST yesterday.

The officials declined to give figures on stores of wheat or shipments en route, for security reasons.

It is understood, however, that large orders have already been made for next season. Moreover, Israel is hopeful that the International Wheat Conference, opening this week in London, will increase Israel's present annual quota of 160,000 tons to 200,000 tons. At the present rate of consumption of 20,000 tons a month, this amount alone would cover Israel's supply for ten months.

At the same time, the Ministry of Agriculture is making increased efforts to reduce waste of bread. The bakeries have received orders forbidding them to take back unsold bread, thus reducing the margin of bread bought by groceries above their actual need.

9,000 Tons Wheat In Hold of 'Elath'

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Israel-America Line's newly-acquired freighter Elath will arrive here tomorrow on her first call at her home port with a cargo of 9,000 tons of wheat and 2,000 tons of machinery.

The 13-knot steamship has 12,500 deadweight tons and is 510 feet long — the largest of the company's five ships, all of which are named for coastal towns in Israel.

The s.s. Elath was built in Germany in 1928, was captured by the British during the war, and bought for Israel flag service in Liverpool earlier this year. She has six hatches, each flanked by two wing-hatches, giving access to the side of the hold and facilitating loading and unloading cargo.

While at anchor in New York, the National Committee for Labour Israel presented the crew with a ship's library including Hebrew, Yiddish and English works. Among the books is a Hebrew translation of Herman Melville's "Moby Dick," which was specially requested by the seamen.

The ship will run a regular cargo service between U.S. and Canadian ports and Israel. Her special duties include the transport of grain from Gulf ports.

WEST GERMANS SEIZE 2,500 COMMUNISTS

BONN, Sunday (AP). — A heavy force of German police seized 2,500 young Communists today and broke up a threatened march on the Allied High Commission headquarters to protest against West German remilitarization.

The big crowd of Communist "Free German Youth" (FDJ) was surrounded at midday by police a mile from the Allies' hilltop headquarters on the Petersberg.

$10m. Steel Factory To Make Pipes for Irrigation

HAIFA, Sunday. — Israel's first steel pipe factory was opened today south of Acre by the Middle East Tube Company Ltd., owned in equal shares by Mr. Barney Hoken, a Chicago manufacturer and business man, and Solel Boneh Ltd.

This is the first part of a Solel Boneh steel works, part of which is already under construction and which is to include a pipe-making factory, steel rolling mills, iron foundries and electric smelting furnaces, with an estimated total investment of about $10m.

Ministers Present

The Ministers of Labour and Agriculture, Mrs. Golda Myerson and Mr. P. Lavon, the American Ambassador, Mr. Monnet B. Davis, the Mayor of Acre, members of the Knesset and Consular Corps, Histadrut leaders, Solel Boneh executives and industrialists were present at the function.

The plant, whose corner stone was laid on January 1, 1950, will produce three, four and six-inch pipes, urgently needed for water supply and the irrigation network on which the extension of agriculture throughout the country chiefly depends.

The principal difficulty yet to be overcome is the world scarcity of steel as a result of the rearmament programme. The available supply of strip steel, from which the pipes are made, is just sufficient to give the machinery a trial run, but negotiations are in progress for a substantial supply to be delivered in the near future.

The machinery is one of four sets of modern pipe-making equipment built in the U.S. in 1944 as war aid to Russia. Two plants were delivered, while the other two are to remain in the U.S. One is in operation at Newport, Kentucky, and the other was bought by the Middle East Tube Company. After the missing or damaged parts were replaced and the plant was reconditioned, Solel Boneh engineers installed it on the site. Its capacity is 24,000 tons a year in a single shift. The production is completely automatic, requiring only about 30 men for operation. Domestic pipe production involves a 35-40 per cent saving of the foreign currency needed for the purchase of the ready-made article and for the high freight charges.

This year's water supply for agriculture would increase by 100 m. cubic metres, making possible the irrigation of another 180,000 dunams, in addition to the 230,000 dunams already under irrigation, Mr. Lavon said in his address. Within two years the country would have to grow enough fodder for its livestock. He congratulated the American investor on his venture.

U.S. Interest

Ambassador Davis said that his presence at the opening of the enterprise would perhaps help "to indicate the interest of the U.S. in the development of Israel."

Mrs Myerson said that the ties between American Jews and Israel were growing closer, more real and less romantic. There was no tradition of foreign investments in the U.S., and the Jews there, who thought of Israel in terms of contributions rather than of business enterprise, were having to make a great effort to revise their outlook. She deplored the propaganda of Israel visitors to the U.S. against investment here, which, she said, had a harmful effect. She praised Solel Boneh for locating their industry at places where they provided employment for newcomers, such as Acre, Ramleh and Beersheba.

The guest speakers were introduced by Mr. Hillel Dan and Mr. David Hacohen, directors of Solel Boneh.

Jordan Protest Over Huleh

Jordan has officially protested to the U.N. and to the three powers who guaranteed the Israel-Arab Armistice Agreements against the Huleh drainage scheme, NEABS reports.

In an official memorandum, the Jordan Government claimed the planned diversion of the Jordan river in the Huleh area would affect irrigation and water supply in the area where the Jordan river runs through Jordan territory.

From Damascus, ANA reported yesterday that Syria has asked the Security Council to hold an extraordinary session on the Huleh.

Israel, Syria To Meet on Wednesday

The next meeting of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission is to be held on Wednesday, probably at the Customs House near the B'not Ya'acov bridge, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

No final agenda has been fixed, but it is expected that discussions will be continued on the mutual complaints lodged by both parties after the border incidents last month.

'Watchdog' Group On Civil Servants

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Government officials will soon establish a "watchdog" committee to enforce certain standards and ethics in the Civil Service, Mr. Zvi Greenberg, Secretary of the General Union of Clerks, told the press here today.

Placing the responsibility for the present difficulties between officials and the public on both parties, Mr. Greenberg emphasized that it was nevertheless up to the clerks themselves to improve their attitude towards, and ways with, the public.

The committee will also receive and study complaints from the public, the speaker said.

In addition, posters advocating greater tolerance and understanding will be posted in all Government offices. Films will also be made and courses for the public and the clerks will be sponsored.

$25,000 FOR RESEARCH TO WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The Damon Runyon Memorial Fund for Cancer Research has allocated $25,000 to the Weizmann Institute for cancer research work.

TOURISTS
meet for tea at the
KING DAVID HOTEL

Social & Personal

Dr. Shmuel S. Eliashiv, Israel Minister to Moscow, is due to present his credentials in Moscow today to the President of the Praesidium of the Soviet Union.

The French Minister to Israel, M. Edouard-Felix Guyon, left yesterday with his wife on six weeks' leave in France.

Lieut.-Col. Reed A. Booth, U.S. Military Attache, returned yesterday from Germany, where he had taken part in the conference of U.S. Military Attaches from Europe and the Middle East.

Prof. B. Zondek, Professor of Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the Hebrew University, together with five other distinguished scientists, was awarded the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa by the University of Turin recently during the International Congress of Surgery and Gynaecology held there. The degrees were awarded for "Contributions to the advancement of science and humanity."

Dr. Justin Godart, veteran French statesman, will arrive in Israel on a short visit today. Dr. Godart founded the France-Palestine organization in 1925.

Mr. Marc Chagall is due in the s.s. Kedmah today.

The Attorney-General, Mr. Haim Cohen, visited the Magistrate's Court in Tel Aviv yesterday on a tour of inspection.

Mr. Bartley Crum, President of "Scrip to Israel," is due to leave for Paris this morning. He is expected to return next week.

Mrs A. Dushkin, member of the Hadassah Council in Israel, has returned from a lecture tour in the U.S. for Hadassah.

Mrs. Charlotte Sucarman, President of Women's Ort in Israel, has left for a three-month visit to the U.S. in connection with Ort activities there and in Canada.

The late Mr. Jacob Bernstein, of South Africa, has bequeathed his shares in the Tiberias Hot Springs to the Keren Hayesod.

Prof. Solomon Zeitlin, Professor of Rabbinical Literature at Dropsie College, Philadelphia, and editor of the "Jewish Quarterly Review," will lecture in English on "The Issues Involved in the Controversy Regarding the Hebrew Scrolls" under the auspices of the Hebrew University, at 8 o'clock this evening in room 29 at Terra Sancta College, Jerusalem.

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv Association of University Women will be held at 1.15 today at Cafe Semadar, 73 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel Aviv. Dr. Reuven Katznelson will speak.

National Wizo Parley Opens

A four-day national conference of the Women's International Zionist Organization was opened yesterday in the Y.M.C.A. hall in Jerusalem with addresses of welcome by Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, the Speaker of the Knesset; Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Mr. S. Z. Shragai, the Mayor of Jerusalem.

There are 81 delegates representing each of the organization's branches in this country. More than 500 members and guests attended the meeting, the first to be held in Israel. The last national conference was held six years ago.

Noting that Wizo had always been an "organic part of Zionism," Mr. Sprinzak stressed the importance of maintaining strong Zionist movements abroad. He said that if the Zionist bodies abroad desire an official status, they should be given one.

Mr. Dobkin asserted that the time had come "for practical Zionism to replace philanthropic Zionism." The 150,000 Wizo members throughout the world could be a major factor in accomplishing this, he said.

The Mayor thanked the organization for holding the conference in the capital.

Mrs. Rachel Cohen (Kagan), National Chairman of Wizo and a member of the Knesset, said that the conference would deal with various problems, including the question of its status in Israel. The organization is scheduled to elect new officers on Wednesday. She emphasized the need for the membership to help "remould immigrant women to the Israel-type woman."

Mrs. Ethel Agron, Chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, extended best wishes to the conference and noted that both Hadassah and Wizo have common aims that do not conflict. Hadassah, she said, is also trying to find its place in the State and to coordinate its actions with the Government and with other public organizations.

Mr. Y. Yablin, General Secretary of the World Wizo, brought the greetings of Mrs. Hadassah Samuel, Chairman of the Executive of the world body. Mrs. J. Blumenfeld, Chairman of the Jerusalem branch, welcomed the group to the capital. Messages were read from Mrs. Rebecca Sieff, President of World Wizo, the Jewish National Fund and the Working Women's Council.

Economic News At Home

By Economicus

Imports Drop, Exports Increase in March

Imports during March amounted to IL.7,370,189, a drop of IL.1,085,896 over the previous month. Exports during March totalled IL.2,683,464, an increase of IL.412,709 over February, it has been announced.

Jerusalem Used More Current in April

Total sales of electric current by the Jerusalem Electric Corporation amounted to 1,431,874 kilowatt hours in April, compared with 1,182,067 in the same month last year, the Company has reported.

Merchant Fleet Saves IL.7m. in Hard Money

Israel's Merchant fleet of 23 passenger and freight ships with a total tonnage of 100,000 tons will be increased in the course of the current year by six ships with a tonnage of 40,000 tons. It is estimated that this fleet has so far saved about IL.7m. in foreign currency, according to an official statement.

5,000 Registered Unemployed Here

An average of 5,083 persons were registered as unemployed at Labour Exchanges throughout the country during April. The daily average in March was 4,980 and in February, 7,950, it has been announced.

Four Million Pounds New Company Capital

New companies registered in March numbered 269, with a combined capital of IL.2.95 m., compared with 139 companies and IL.885,000 in March, 1950. Thirty existing companies increased their capital by IL.979,000.

Mortgage registrations rose from IL.1.1m. in January to IL.1.4m. in February, and IL.2.1m. in March, the Central Bureau of Statistics reports.

35,000 Saw Vegetable Show in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — The Ministry of Agriculture's vegetable exhibition here closed on Friday with the distribution of 22 prizes for the best products. The prized were radio sets, irrigation pipes, seeds and fertilizers.

During the four days the show was open in Shderot Rothschild it was visited by about 35,000 persons, many of them pupils.

Deputy Director Of Trade Ministry Named

Mr. A. Arieli, Deputy Director of the Department of Internal Revenue in the Ministry of Finance, has been appointed Deputy Director of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. It is understood that he was appointed at the request of Mr. Herman Hollander, Director-General of the Ministry, and that he will assume his new duties soon.

Mr. Arieli formerly supervised the Luxury Tax division in the Customs and Excise Department of the Ministry of Finance, and was recently transferred to the Treasury to direct the sale of dollar-linked bonds.

Haganah Veterans Meet on Friday

The national conference of Haganah veterans to be held on Friday in Tel Aviv, will decide whether to permit the Palmach to establish a separate unit within the organization, it was learned this week.

Informal discussions between officials of the Haganah group and the Palmach leaders, Yitzhak Sadeh and Israel Galili, have been in progress for a few weeks. It is pointed out that while Palmach veterans may now join the organization, and a number have done so, they have no separate status. The new arrangement would permit the Palmach organization to join as a body maintaining its separate identity.

A total of 320 delegates will represent the 25,000 members. Elections of delegates will be held on Tuesday.

Other proposals before the conference are to broaden the ranks of the organization to admit new immigrants and members of the various civilian security services, and to organize youth sections.

Banking Notes:

Africa-Palestine Issues New Shares

New shares totalling IL.200,000, in units of IL.10, are being issued to local shareholders by the Africa-Palestine Investments Ltd., Tel Aviv, one of the oldest South African Zionist undertakings in Israel.

The new capital will be used to reduce bank overdrafts, to purchase additional property, and to develop present holdings in Rushmiya (Mt. Carmel) and Jerusalem. Further investments will also be made in Fertilizers and Chemicals, Ltd., and other firms.

The Investment Company's capital of nearly IL.750,000 is divided among land, industry and financial concerns. Real Estate, which totals IL.583,000 according to the 1950 balance sheet (the 1949 total was IL.364,000) includes a one-half share each in the 900-dunam Rushmiya holding, sand dunes in Rishon Le Zion, four dunams in the centre of Jerusalem, and 26 dunams in the German Colony, Haifa. The acquisition of new land will bring the total to about IL.800,000, it was stated in the prospectus published in connection with the new share issue.

Company's Investments

The industrial and other investments of the Company exceeded IL.350,000 at cost, and include shares in the Ata Textile Co., Ltd., Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd., the Tiberias Development Co., Ltd. (which controls the Tiberias Hot Springs and the Galei Kinneret Hotel); the South African Palestine Enterprise (Binyan) Corp., Ltd., The Palestine Cold Storage and Supply Co. Ltd.; Ma'aragot Textile Industrial Corp. Ltd., and the Palestine Africa Binyan Insurance Co. Ltd.

Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd., Haifa, one of the investments, is about to construct a IL.3m. plant to produce nitrogenous fertilizer, the prospectus stated. The Company at present runs a superphosphates plant, which is not yet producing profits. The directors of Africa-Palestine, however, are confident that it will be a good source of revenue when the new plant is completed.

Africa-Palestine, in cooperation with the Palestine Land Development Company Ltd., in which it holds 158,000 shares of IL.1 each, is building dwelling houses in the centre of Jerusalem for sale and lease. Negotiations are being completed for the acquisition of some 2,500 dunams in partnership with the Land Development Corporation in Yehudiah, and discussions are being conducted for the purchase of land at Sheikh Muwannis (near Tel Aviv) and elsewhere.

The new shares are being offered at 112 per cent on the basis of one new share for every IL.20 of existing capital. The A.P.B. Investment Company Ltd., Tel Aviv, the investment trust of the Bank Le'umi Le'Israel B.M., will take 12,500 new shares and has been granted an option on an additional 7,500 shares. The Investment Company will manage the issue of the new shares which will participate in dividends from April 1, 1951.

2,500 New Members For Haifa Cooperative

Almost 2,500 new members, mostly immigrants, have joined the Halva'a Vehisachon Haifa Cooperative Society, it is stated in the Bank's 1950 report.

At the end of 1950, the cooperative's own capital was IL.98,112, having doubled during the three preceding years. The total of loans advanced to members was IL.1,273,000 in 1950, compared with IL.871,000 during 1949. Special funds to supply credit facilities to immigrants have been deposited with the Bank by the Bank Leumi Le'Israel, B.M., the Jewish Agency and Malben.

Outstanding loans at the end of 1950 totalled IL.974,000, as compared with IL.568,000 during the previous year, and deposits IL.1,402,000, as compared with IL.1,053,000, increases of 72 per cent and 35 per cent, respectively.

During the current year, the Bank is faced with the problems of the limitation of credit and the payment of income taxes from which it has been exempt until now. The Bank's net profit is given in the balance sheet as IL.6,564. Half the sum was transferred to the general reserves, the balance being put into special reserves.

MEMORIAL BOOKLET ON REMEZ PUBLISHED

A booklet on David Remez, the late Minister of Education and Culture, has been published by the Ministry for the students of the upper grades of elementary, and the middle grades of secondary schools on the conclusion of the 30 days of mourning.

The brochure includes the story of his life, and selections from his speeches and works.

An exhibition of photographs covering the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's U.S. tour will be opened at the U.S. Library, Rehov Bialik, Tel Aviv, tomorrow evening.

The Hebrew National
OPERA
TEL AVIV: Habimah
Tomorrow, at 8.30 p.m.
JERUSALEM: Edison
Thursday, June 21, 8 p.m.
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Opera in 3 acts (4 scenes) by Saint-Saens, with
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Conductor: [illegible]

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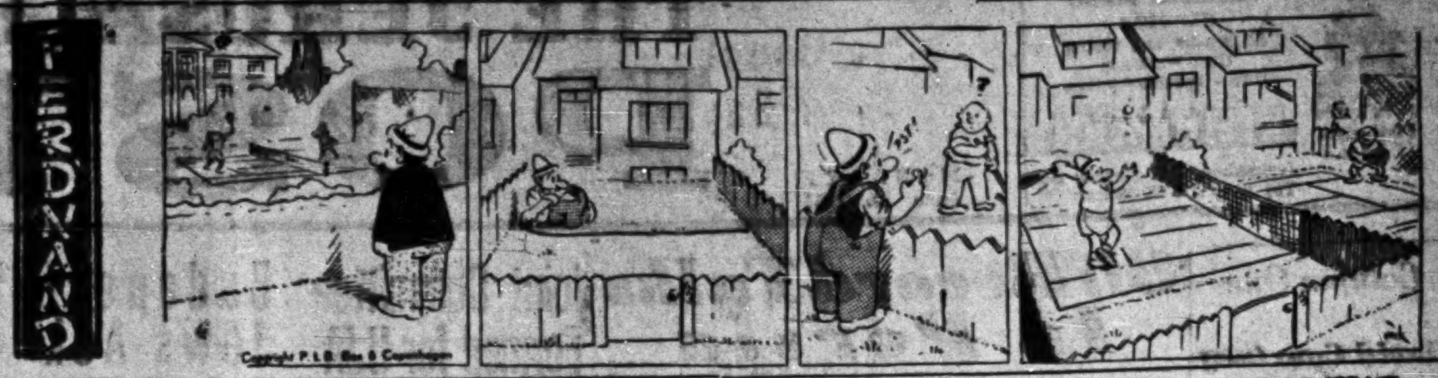

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At the Cinema

THE three art films exhibited by the Association des Amis de l'Art and Le Centre de Culture Francaise at the Artists' House on Saturday were captivating. Contrary to the "Henri Rousseau" and "Van Gogh" films presented recently in the same series, these avoided the "lives in a nutshell" pattern. Perhaps the reason is that plastic and graphic art take more easily to screen presentation than modern painting where colour predominates. In the "Bourdelle" film, to an original score by Honegger, the photography of the rotation sculptures, the underlining of details, and the lighting effects were absorbing. The "Braque" film, against a background of Bach music, presented the artist at work on a series of sea-sculptures reminiscent of the old stone age work. "L'art Retrouve" offered a cross section of "arty" Paris. The bird's eye view of the Louvre Museum, and the shots of Montmartre Montparnasse, especially the Cafe "Le Dome" streetcorner, and the ataliers of Roualt, Matisse, and Picasso, nostalgically proved that Paris is still Paris.

Press Thriller

"CHICAGO Deadline" (Zion Jerusalem) is an involved mystery thriller about the adventures of an ace newspaper reporter (Alan Ladd) who finds one girl — this one on thes missing-persons list — in one hotel room while a second girl (Donna Reed) inconveniently dies in a neighbouring hotel room. The mystery of the first girl solved, Mr. Ladd tries to solve the mystery of the second — her identity in this case — by fitting together bits of information in her hand bag. During the brave search, some people are killed by gangsters. The atmosphere of mystery is intensified by a poor soundtrack: the audience has no easier a job tracing the sputtering dialogue than has Ladd in tracing the lady.

FRANGO

PETAH TIKVA BRIGADE NEEDS NEW ENGINES

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday (ITIM).—The local Fire Brigade here may be forced to curtail operation's because of lack of funds for the purchase of new equipment. Mr. David Goldberg, in charge of the Brigade, said here that extra equipment was needed to cope with the greatly increased volume of work.

He pointed out that during the past two weeks the Brigade had been called out to deal with 116 fires, as against only 45 during the same period last year.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 349 M.
TEL AVIV: 42.9, 33.5 & 522 M.:

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

6.20 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.30 Music of the People (R). 11.00 Concert Hall: Overture "Ezio" (Myslivecek); Fantasy on Beethoven's "Ruins of Athens" (Liszt); Symphony No. 4 (Dvorak). 12.00 N. Break for Music (R). 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme. 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 3.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.20 Oriental Music: E. Aharon. 4.35 Vocal Recital: Zoe J. Yatikiote: Greek Songs. 5.00 Variety (R). 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Interlude. 5.50 Agricultural Corner. 6.15 "Echoes of the Week": Talk by D. Sher. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 "From Worker to Worker": Talk. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.20 "Keep Smiling": Series of Programmes Presented by the Tourists Dept. 8.45 Memorial Service for David Remez. 9.15 "Shadmot." 9.35 Lalo's Concerto in D minor for Cello & Orchestra (R). 10.00 Vocal Recital: Julia Stutschewsky. 10.30 Recital: Moshe Lustig, Sascha Parnes & Rina Kuhn: Work by Beethoven. 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.20 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 12.15 a.m. Newsreel. 12.30 Alexander Krein Memorial Programme. 12.45 "Hebrew for Beginners": A. Rosen.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.91 and 31.92 M.): 7.30 News. 7.40 News Talk. 7.45 Review of the Weekly British Press.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (230, 225 & 44.5 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Classical Request Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Weekly Interview by D. Rivlin. 8.00 Programme for Policemen. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 8.45 Army Quiz. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 9-9.30 p.m. (13.85, 16.85, 17.01 & 19.07 from U.S.A.; 19.63 & 25.36 from Tangiers).

Two Sephardim Parties At Work in Capital

POST Reporter

Two United Sephardim parties are now functioning in Jerusalem, each claiming that the other is in the minority and illegally constituted, following the dispute several weeks ago over the issue of whether to align the organization with the General Zionists for the Knesset election.

One faction—led by Knesset member, Mr. E. Eliashar, and Mr. D. Sitton—which was accused in the original dispute of trying to force the party to join the General Zionists, has now announced that it will appear on the election lists as an independent. Mr. Eliashar will head its ticket and will not appear on the General Zionist list.

The second faction, headed by an executive of former officials of the old body, claims that the "sudden independent attitude of Messrs. Eliashar and Sitton represents a slap-in-the-face administered by the General Zionists." It was charged that the General Zionists had expected Mr. Eliashar to "line up the votes" of the Sephardic community. After the split the General Zionists reportedly "lost interest in placing Mr. Eliashar high on their list."

Mr. Sitton has told *The Post* that his group was now seeking to unite for the elections with "other non-Leftist" Sephardim groups. He charged that the opposing faction was "Mapai-backed" and that the split had been "manipulated by Mapai."

Civil Servants May Not Use Influence

Civil service employees have been ordered to refrain from using personal connections in Government offices for their own benefit or the benefit of other persons, the Civil Service Commissioner has announced.

"It is henceforth forbidden for a Government worker to send recommendations to Government offices, whether for the benefit of fellow-workers or for persons not in the Government service," a Commission statement said.

The order does not affect cases in which a citizen is entitled to a recommendation from the employee of one office to an employee of another according to law or administrative order.

An amphitheatre seating 3,000 is now bearing completion near Kibbutz Na'an, and should be ready by the end of the year. The Gezer District Council and Kibbutz Na'an have invested IL.30,000 in the building.

Nathanya Maccabi's Anniversary

The 20th Anniversary celebrations of the formation of Nathanya Maccabi (as already briefly reported) continued over two days and included events in three sports—soccer, table tennis and light athletics.

Tel Aviv Betar gained the trophy presented by the Palestine Loan and Discount Bank by defeating Nathanya Maccabi at soccer 2-0, after leading 1-0 at the halfway mark. In youth soccer games Tel Aviv Betar Natan drew with Nathanya Maccabi's youths two-all, after the home team had led 1-0 at half-time, while another draw, one-all this time, resulted from the meeting between Israel Betar youngsters and Baruch Maccabi's lads.

K. Vitkin Win Golanski Cup

Kfar Vitkin Hapoel won the Shmuel Golanski Memorial Cup, donated in memory of the Hadera Hapoel player who fell in the defence of Israel, when they defeated Hadera Hapoel by 25-23 in the final of a day-long youth basketball tournament the Saturday before last.

EARLIER RESULTS

Kfar Vitkin beat Gan Shmuel, 39-14; and Ein Hahoresh, 36-9. **Hadera** bt. Ma'barot, 13-6; Ein Shemer, 26-18; and Pardess Hanna School, 15-3. **Ein Shemer** bt. Givat Haim, 12-5. **Ein Hahoresh** bt. Gan Shmuel, 13-5.

Ein Harod Has Biggest Pool

The largest swimming pool in Israel was opened at Ein Harod the Friday before last. A swimming tournament, a display by Navy personnel, and a water polo game formed part of the celebrations.

In the 100-metre backstroke Koslovitski, of the Navy, won in 1:26.2, Dan Lunz (Bet Alpha) came first in the 100-metre butterfly race in 1:17.0, while Y. Gelman (Navy) was home in the 100-metre breaststroke before the others in 1:28.0. In a water polo game the Navy beat a Selected Ein Harod/Bet Alpha team by 4-0.

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
The public is requested to note the dates of
SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT NO. 9
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Soloist:
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Symphony — — — Berwald
Piano Concerto No.467 in C Major — — — — Mozart
Tragic Overture — Brahms
RAMAT GAN Amphitheatre
at 8.30 p.m.
Sunday, June 24—SERIES 1
Monday, June 25 —
WORKERS SERIES
Sunday, July 1 — SERIES 2
Monday, July 2 — SERIES 3
Tuesday, July 3 — SERIES 4
Sunday, July 8 — SERIES 5
Monday, July 9 — SERIES 6
HAIFA, "ARMON" Theatre, at 9 p.m.
Wednesday, June 27 —
SERIES 1
Thursday, June 28 —
SERIES 2
JERUSALEM, "EDISON" at 9 p.m.
Thursday, July 5
VIOLIN RECITALS
TOSSY SPIVAKOVSKY
At the piano: Moshe Lustig
TEL AVIV "Ohel-Shem"
Saturday, June 23 at 9 p.m.
JERUSALEM, "Edison"
Tuesday, June 26, at 9 p.m.
HAIFA, "Armon"
Friday, June 29, at 4 p.m.

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8-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo; Romema.

9-1; 3-8: Chagall Exhibition (oils, drawings, engravings, ceramics); Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Graphics & Etchings by South Californian artists; Works by Mrs. Glika; Artists House.

11-1: 'Cezanne to Picasso' Exhibition of Prints; New Bezalel School.

TEL AVIV

10-4: Retrospective Exhibition Albert Marquet; Paintings by Arieli; Tel Aviv Museum.

9-1; 4-7: Exhibition of oil paintings by Mokady; Mikra Studio, 56 Rehov Allenby.

7.30 & 9.30 p.m.: Tihanyi and his wonder revue; Yasha Heifetz Hall.

8.30 p.m.: "Four Corners of the Earth" — Premiere; Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m. Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Hassan Shukri Street.

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 3.30, 7 & 9 p.m.

EDEN: Lady without Passport. Also today at 10.30 a.m.
EDISON: Live Today for Tomorrow.
ORION: 12 O'Clock High.
SEMADAR: Mother Wore Tights (7 & 9 p.m.).
STUDIO: Bicycle Thief.
ZION: Chicago Deadline.

Haifa Cinemas

GAN YAM (Bat Galim): Inspector General (8.30 p.m.).

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF Haifa P.R. No. 187/51 In the matter of the late Lucie Katz Petitioners: Sophie Frank and Arnold Katz of New York, represented by Dr. B. Nathan, Advocate of Haifa. Summons — Let all persons take notice that the above mentioned petitioners have applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Lucie Katz, and that the said application will be heard on July 2, 1951 at 10 a.m.

Any persons claiming any interest must appear before this Court on the same place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right. Date 12.6.51.

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SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON SUNDAY

Richard Borchard, Br., gen. cargo. **Vatnajoekull**, Ice., frozen fish. **Cornelis Houtman**, Dut., bars. **Birkland**, Sw., gen. cargo, wood. **Arctic Ocean**, Sw., gen. cargo, fish. **Sadiklar**, Tur., gen. cargo. **Dromit**, Is., wood. **Hashlosha**, Is., salvaged iron. **China Bear**, U.S., gen. cargo, wood. **Clelia Campanella**, It., wood. **William H. Carruth**, U.S., dura. **Ionian**, Br., gen. cargo. **Semih**, Tur., gen. cargo. **Montrealer**, Br., dura. **Galilah**, Is., compl unloading. **Megalochari**, Pan., gen. cargo. **Tinos**, Gr., wood. **Gavriel**, Is., carobs. **Polixeni Tsiakkas**, Cyp., fodder.

SHIPS EXPECTED

17.6 **Assimina**, cement. **[illegible]**, gen. cargo, cement, coal. **Anna Goulandris**, gen. cargo. **Czech**, gen. cargo, machines, pipes. **Exilona**, gen. cargo. **[illegible]**, gen. cargo, cattle. **Elat**, passengers, gen. cargo, wheat, mail. **Helios**, gen. cargo, cement. **Akko**, passengers.

18.6 **Transilvania**, im'grants, household effects, gen. cargo. **Tepeska**, cement, wood.

20.6 **Columbia Heights**, cows, hay, fodder. **Akko**, gen. cargo, pipes, mail, passengers.

22.6 **Marchlewski**, gen. cargo, machines.

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THE WEATHER

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Mt. Cana'an	42	12	26	26
Tiberias	36	20	32	30
Haifa	59	18	29	28
Nathanya	62	19	27	27
Tel Aviv	—	20	25	25
Lydda	51	17	30	29
Jerusalem	52	14	24	24

Forecast: Fair.

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday.

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1,272 immigrants from Rumania are due in Haifa today on the s.s. Transilyania.

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For fraudulently obtaining IL.422 from a girl after promising to marry her, a 28-year-old resident of Tel Aviv was arrested yesterday. He was married and had a child. The money was to have been used for his foundry.

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23 exhibits by fellahin and school children in the "Triangle" area have taken first and second prizes at the Agricultural Exhibition in Tel Aviv. Some of the prizes were for tobacco.

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Eliahu Zahan and Ben Rahimim, both 20, were taken to the Sha'arei Zedek hospital in Jerusalem after being injured in a knife brawl in the Talpiot Camp on Saturday. Two other men who were involved in the fight have been taken into custody.

1,300 Flats To Be Ready In Ramle by Year's End

RAMLE, Sunday (ITIM). — More than 1,300 apartments are now under construction in this area, and will be ready for occupation by new immigrants by the end of the year. They are being built by the Housing Department of the Ministry of Labour, and by the Amidar and Neve Oved companies. They will be sold for IL.1,000 per unit; half of this sum will be paid in cash, and the balance in small payments.

Another 4,000 units are to be built shortly in Lydda town, while a new ma'bara for 200 newcomers from Iraq is to be set up near the town shortly.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES:

JERUSALEM: Alba, Zion Square, 3708; Mekor Baruch, Rehov Tahkemoni, 2894.

TEL AVIV: Rambam, 72 Allenby, 3988; Elisha, 25 Florentin, 5407; Bracha, 243 Dizengoff, 2487; Bilu, 21 Bilu, 4063. **JAFFA:** Trufa, Givat Aliya, 80321.

RAMAT GAN: Herzl, 54 Herzl.

GIVATAYIM: Briut, 7 Sirkin.

HAIFA: Nordau, 13 Nordau, 4089; Weisel Lebanoni, 31 Kingsway, 3586.

Ration News

JERUSALEM: — Milled Rice: 300 grams, Tav 160. Hard Cheese: 150 grams, no coupons. Pulses: 500 grams, no coupons. Butter: 400 grams, 138, 139. Filled Chocolate: One bar, adults, kiosks and sweets' shops, Shin-Aleph 14, deadline next Sunday.

New ration books will be distributed in zones 6, 7, and 10 this week: **Today**, Sha'are Hessed quarter, German Colony, Mishan Baka, Mahne Yehuda, Nahlat Zion, and Zarchania in Rehov Schatz. **Tomorrow**: German Colony, Katamon, Mahne Yehuda (market), Zichron Yosef, Sha'arei Rahamim. **Wednesday**: Greek Colony and Nahlat Ahim; **Thursday**: Mahne Yehuda, Rehov Etz Haim, and Shevet Zedek Quarter.

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Personal Notices

To MILLY BROMBERG

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Bomb Could Have Caused Disaster, Experts Say

Dr. S. Kelly, Minister of Justice expert on forensic medicine, yesterday told the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court that according to the experiments he had witnessed with a bomb similar to that allegedly built by the four zealot suspects, the effect of throwing such a missile into a hall with only one major exit and a cut electricity line, could have been "disastrous."

Stressing more the elements of darkness and surprise than the intrinsic destructiveness of the bomb, the witness recalled how a German bomb falling near — not into — a shelter with 500 persons in England, had created such a panic that 149 were kicked and trampled to death.

Asked by the State Attorney, Mr. E. S. Shimron, whether the same situation could have developed in the Knesset, Dr. Kelly said: "The possibility exists."

"Would you only call it a remote possibility?"

"I would call it a possibility."

Dense and acrid smoke was emitted by the bomb replica lit through one of the holes in the side of the can, Dr. Kelly testified. Considerable noise was caused by the explosions of 15 pieces of cork filled with powder, and a flame shot out six seconds after a match had been put to the can, it was related.

The actual damage caused by the bomb depended largely on where it fell, the doctor told Magistrate Y. Cohen. Since the nature of the bomb was incendiary, it would have caused serious injury if it had fallen directly on a person, or near enough to burn him with its flames.

700 Degrees

The next expert who had been present at Police Headquarters during the explosion of the bomb, Mr. Z. Rigbi, of the Scientific Research Council attached to the Prime Minister's Office, testified that according to the colour of the flame he judged the temperature to have been around 700 degrees Centigrade. The witness remarked that although steel and pure iron melt only at 1,100 degrees, iron alloys may melt at 660.

Mr. Rigbi stated that flames one metre in length leapt through the holes punctured into the side of the replica bomb.

Mr. Rigbi affirmed that the can could be called a bomb. He stated, with reference to previous efforts of the Defence to distinguish the materials used in the original and the replica bomb, that it made little difference whether the film was exposed or not, or whether one can contained silver paper and the other did not.

Sore Eyes

The Defence underlined that the experiment was attended by eight people who suffered nothing worse than sore eyes. It also fixed, during cross-examination, the position of Dr. Kelly as three to four metres from the table on which Samal Weiss had placed the lit bomb, and that of Mr. Rigbi, as two to two and a half metres from the table. Both witnesses remained at that distance throughout the entire experiment — three to four minutes — according to their testimony.

Mr. Brandt, counsel for the Defence, also showed that neither of the witnesses, nor Samal Weiss, Police expert on explosives who testified earlier in the session, had dealt before with exactly this type of a bomb.

Seven more witnesses are to be heard at the preliminary inquiry before summing-up. The hearing is to continue today.

MENTAL PATIENT FOUND HANGED

Moshe Hoenigshofer, 41, a patient at the Rosenblatt Mental Home in Jerusalem, was found yesterday morning hanging from a belt from a two-metre-high fence in the courtyard of the institution. The body was taken to the Hadassah hospital.

For stealing 15 kilos of oranges and stabbing a grove guard, Mordecai Vintori, 30, of Herzlia, was sentenced to seven days in prison and his 12-year-old son was bound over in IL.25 by the Magistrate's Court in Petah Tikva, yesterday.

Magen David Adom Strike in Capital

A strike of Magen David Adom employees began in Jerusalem yesterday and only the most serious emergency cases, such as "disastrous traffic accidents," would be handled, according to the employees who appeared for work today. Persons needing first aid were told to go to a hospital.

Appeals by expectant mothers in ma'barot for transportation to hospitals remained unanswered. Most settlements have vehicles available, it is claimed. In the meantime, however, about 15 Magen David Adom ambulances queued up outside the clinic.

A conference of representatives of various official bodies is scheduled for this afternoon to discuss the society's need for funds. The organization said that the strike would continue until after the meeting.

The strike climaxes several months of fruitless negotiations between the M.D.A., and the Municipality, the Ministry for Social Welfare and the Judean Hills District Council on the settlement of the organization's long outstanding debts.

The society has a IL.14,000 deficit and monthly expenses of IL.3,5000. Its income is IL.2,000, of which IL.1,250 is supplied by about 10,000 private contributors. The organization is asking each of the three official bodies for IL.500 monthly.

The clinic will resume functioning immediately only if a settlement is reached at today's meeting, which is being held under the auspices of Dr. A. Biran, the District Representative.

Resumption Of Rail Work Seen

HAIFA, Sunday. — The 500 Haifa railway workshop operators and linemen who have been on an unauthorized strike for better wages since last Wednesday, met today to consider an offer of the Haifa Labour Council to receive a delegation, if they resumed work.

In a secret ballot, the majority voted for the continuation of the strike. It is expected, however, that talks will not be delayed much longer.

The train services continued to run on schedule.

Dan Garage Hands Threaten Walkout

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Dan bus cooperative here may cancel some of its lines temporarily if garage workers carry out their threat to strike on Tuesday or Wednesday. The garage workers demand arrears of pay increases due them. A one-hour's warning strike was called by them this morning.

The garage workers went on strike five months ago to back their demands for wage increases in line with those obtained in the metal industry. Dan at that time stated that they were unable to increase wages unless fares were raised, but later granted higher pay.

They asked the Minister of Communications to allow higher fares, but they now claim that since February they have not received a clear answer from the Ministry, and have therefore been unable to pay the arrears.

Work to Start On Two Coastal Roads

Work on the new Nathanya-Hadera and Ra'anana-Rishon le Zion main roads is to begin shortly, it has been officially announced.

The Tel Aviv-Nathanya coastal highway is to be extended to Hadera and will cut travelling time between Tel Aviv and Hadera by 20 minutes. Work is due to begin on the new 13.5 kilometre extension early in July and should be completed by the beginning of the winter.

Work on the new 27-kilometre road linking Ra'anana directly with Rishon le Zion is to begin this week. It will by-pass Tel Aviv and Petah Tikva and will provide a through-road to Jerusalem and the south. It will involve the building of a bridge over Wadi Kabir.

Building Materials Freed for Schools

Building materials for the construction of 600 to 800 class rooms will be released by the Ministry of Trade and Industry during the summer months.

The materials will be released in monthly instalments, and assigned according to a priority scale to be established by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

David Remez Square In Jerusalem

"David Remez Square" will be the name of the square in front of the Jerusalem Railway Station to commemorate the man who as Minister of Communications brought the first Israel train to Jerusalem, an important contribution to its recovery. This was decided unanimously by the Jerusalem Municipal Council last night at the proposal of the Mayor, Mr. S. Z. Shragai, at the memorial meeting on the 30th day after D. Remez's death.

The deceased was eulogized by the Mayor, Dr. A. Amdur (General Zionists), and by Mr. R. Shari (Mapai).

Jerusalem Council Delays on Water

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The financial difficulties of the Jerusalem Municipal Water Department did not come much nearer a solution at last night's meeting of the Municipal Council.

This time, after the postponements of the previous weeks, the various unanimous, majority and minority proposals of the Joint Water and Financial Commitee were voted upon, but only the less fundamental proposals were adopted, unanimously or by a majority. Voting on the more important proposals ended in a draw — eight members of the coalition and eight members of the opposition, with the Mayor, Mr. S. Z. Shragai (Hapoel Hamizrahi) abstaining.

Among the proposals adopted by a majority was one to invite technical experts to examine the distribution and administration of the water — a proposal which, as Mr. Shari (Mapai) observed, had already been adopted by the previous Council; to postpone the increase of the minimum water rate from 200 to 500 pruta a month, and not to separate, administratively, the water supply to the Jerusaelm area from the distribution inside the town.

Tel Aviv Asks For Deep-Water Port

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Municipal Council tonight approved Mayor Rokach's request of the Government that the deep-water port for southern Israel be built in Tel Aviv. Mapai and the Communist members abstained, because, as Mr. E. Schechter (Mapai) put it, "the Municipality should have heard an expert opinion before taking a vote."

According to Mayor Rokach, the buidling of a harbour in Tel Aviv would cost IL.20m., but by reclaiming 800 dunams from the sea, IL.7m. would be saved. The establishment of a deep-water port in Tel Aviv was an economical necessity, the Mayor said. Such a port would be able to handle 2m. tons of cargo annually.

Fish-Breeders Meet

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — One hundred settlements owning a total of 25,000 dunams of fish ponds sent delegates to the eighth Fish-Breeders' Conference that opened here today.

Speakers outlined the development of fish-breeding, which in two years will supply 7,000 tons of fish annually from 40,000 dunams of ponds. They blamed fodder supply difficulties partly on insufficient Government aid and partly on the drought.

Mr. Haim Givati, Director of the Agricultural Development Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, advised the conference to adjust breeding projects to the scope of available fodder supplies. Fish-breeding settlements should grow two dunams of fodder for each dunam of pond, he said.

Gift Food Stayed In Haifa Port

Posters containing sharp attacks on the leadership of the Hebrew University Students Association appeared outside the Students' Restaurant yesterday, declaring that a ton of food, worth IL.1,500, sent to the students' restaurants waited for months in Haifa Port until it was cleared.

The Technical Secretary of the Association, Mr. A. Speiser, has resigned and an agent has been commissioned to bring the shipment to Jerusalem.

The consignment is a gift from Belgium. About nine months ago, Professor Haim Perelman of Brussels University, sent a letter to the faculty of the Hebrew University, recalling the gifts of food which they had received from American university staffs after the liberation of Belgium and offering to send a similar gift to the Hebrew University faculty. The faculty, in reply, suggested that the gift should go to the students' restaurants. In January 1951, Professor Perelman despatched a ton of food to the restaurants and it arrived in Haifa on February 6.

During Professor Perelman's visit to Israel a fortnight ago, when the faculty suggested to the students that they thank him for the gift, they replied they had never received it.

An investigation was started and Mr. Y. Rosen, a member of the Student Council of the Association, formally charged the Association's Secretariat with negligence. It appears that when the Secretariat was informed of the shipment's arrival, a representative was sent to Haifa, but he failed to clear it from the Port, owing to technical difficulties.

Woman Fatally Hurt Leaving Moving Bus

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A woman was fatally injured near Hakirya this morning when she fell as she stepped off a moving bus.

The victim, who had boarded the bus at Ein Shemer and was in her late twenties, has not yet been identified. She died in the Municipal Hospital several hours after being taken there.

Yesterday, traffic police arrested four youths for driving motorcycles without licences. Police believe the cycles were unlawfully rented to the youths who are below the minimum age for receiving licences.

Cafe Fined IL.500 For Effrontery

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — The "Zili" cafe in Givataim which had refused to serve customers tea or coffee, insisting that they buy alcoholic drinks or leave the cafe, was fined IL.500 by the Anti-Profiteering Court here today for "refusing to serve." The fine was exemplary, the Court pointed out, as such action constituted "unprecedented effrontery."

The cafe was also fined IL.50 for charging 100 pruta admission without a permit to do so.

Charges Against Bedu In Negev Dropped

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — The charges against three Beduin of the Abu B'lal tribe in the Negev, accused of participating in an attack by their tribe against a neighbouring tribe last June, were dropped by the Attorney-General here today.

The three had participated in the attack against the Abu Ghalion tribe, according to the charges, and had stolen large quantities of livestock and property. The Abu Ghalion tribe has since left Israel.

The defence attorney, Mr. G. Meiri, complained before the District Court today that his clients had been imprisoned since last June, although the prosecution had had no proof against them.

Toddlers To Swim Channel

MIAMI, Florida, Sunday (Reuter).—Women's groups in America are up in arms over Mr. Russell Tongway, who plans to take his five-year-old son and four-year-old daughter to England to swim the Channel.

Mr. Tongway, however, said last night: "I'm paying no attention to the women. We are going to make the Channel swim." A Juvenile Court judge was asked by a Methodist women's society to see what he could do to prevent the children's Channel bid.

50,000 Seamen In U.S. Strike

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — A maritime strike, involving all major U.S. ports and 650 vessels, began yesterday with more than 50,000 men refusing to sail until demands for higher pay and other benefits were met. Ships with Korean and other vital defence cargoes were exempted.

The stoppage occurred during a weekend lull when few ships were due to sail. Its full effect was expected to be felt on Monday unless new contracts are signed in the meantime.

To avoid the tie up, of all ships sailed from American ports yesterday. Foreign vessels were also able to sail from U.S. ports because their crews are not members of the unions engaged in the contract dispute.

President Truman rejected a management appeal to involve the strike-breaking Taft-Hartley Act after being assured by the Congress of Industrial Organizations' National Maritime Union that defence cargoes would be

Histadrut Building Opened in New York

NEW YORK, Sunday (UP). — Mayor Vincent Impellitteri cut a blue and white ribbon here this morning, officially opening the Histadrut headquarters in the Western Hemisphere.

At a special rally held this afternoon at Temple Emanuel, Mr. Oscar Ewing, the Federal Security Administrator, said: "We must help our friends in the Middle East, Europe, Asia and elsewhere to become strong, stable and dependable. I hope the peoples of the Middle East, both Jews and Arabs, realize that our policies, conducted as they are by a determined Government and through the machnery of the U.N., are to a very large extent the reason why the Middle East is relatively safe today."

Building Owner On Manslaughter Charge

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Mr. Engel Carasso, a local property owner, and an engineer employed by him, were charged in the Magistrate's Court here today with manslaughter.

Last January, Mr. Shmuel Drori, of Tel Aviv, was killed and his wife was injured when marble blocks from the Carasso building at the corner of Rehov Herzl and the Petah Tikva road fell on them. The accused are charged with failing to keep the building in proper order.

The accused were released on IL.1,000 bail each, pending the hearing.

Indian Rebels Form New Party

BIHAR, Sunday (Reuter). — More than 1,000 delegates from all over India held an open air meeting by moonlight here last night to form a new All-India political party. Watched by a crowd of 30,000 they heard the former Congress President, J.B. Kipalani, describe Premier Nehru's Congress government as a "weak and effete one-party rule suffering from the evils of dictatorship."

The new party, to be known as the People's Party, will be voted into existence at the second meeting of the convention tonight. Socialist leader Jaiprakash Karain announced that his two-year-old party would cooperate with the new party in the reconstruction of India.

The two parties, Socialist and People's Party, are expected to be able to form an effective opposition in the Central Parliament after the election next November and may even capture power in some state legislatures.

In his opening address the new party leader, slow-spoken dour Mr. Kripalani, who for 12 years ran the Congress Party as its general secretary, explained the reasons which led him to split from Congress last month. He accused the government of allowing corruption and black marketing to flourish unchecked in India.

"We have painfully witnessed the progressive disappearance of all idealism and enthusiasm in Congress," he said.

JET-PROPELLED FLYING BOAT

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter).— A jet-propelled flying boat landed on the River Thames today for the first time in history.

The aircraft, the only jet flying boat in existence, touched down on the river at 100 miles per hour and was towed to the Festival of Britain site where it will be one of the main attractions of a "gas turbine week" which opens today.

RITUAL SLAUGHTER OPPOSED IN MUNICH

MUNICH, Sunday (INA). — A resolution adopted by the Munich City Council, calling on the Bavarian Parliament to enact legislation prohibiting shechita, Jewish ritual slaughter, came under fire from German Jewish leaders today.

The resolution, introduced by the Socialists was carried by 26 votes to 16 over the opposition of the Christian Socialist Party. In introducing the resolution the Socialists argued that shechita was cruel and "a crime against humanity," and was prohibited in Norway and Switzerland for that reason.

NEGBAH'S DAMAGE ONLY SLIGHT

HAIFA, Sunday. — The s.s. Negbah was damaged only slightly on Friday while on her way to a drydock for a periodic overhaul, it was learned here today.

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Cables in Brief

ASYLUM.—Four Rumanian frontier guards, who found life in the Rumanian army "intolerable," crossed into Yugoslavia on Saturday and asked for asylum, according to the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry.

FOOD. — The Soviet ship Lermontov arrived in Calcutta on Saturday with 7,300 tons of wheat for India. She is the third Russian foodship to dock.

DIED. — Peter Andreyevich Pavlenko, Russian author and Stalin prizewinner, who wrote the script for the film "Alexander Nevsky," died in Moscow on Saturday. He was 52.

GUERRILLA.—A British security squad killed the woman leader of a Chinese Communist guerrilla band and two of her followers in a jungle ambush in Malaya on Saturday night.

BAN. — The British Ministry of Supply has banned the use of nickel in the manufacture of a large number of articles from cars to toasters, because of the increasing need for this metal in the defence programme.

Animals Die In 'Flying Zoo'

By Shahe Guebenlian
POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Sunday.—Twenty-two Java monkeys, an Indian buck, and a number of small birds were found dead in a K.L.M. Skymaster which landed here on Friday night en route to Amsterdam.

The plane was carrying a full cargo of zoo animals, including 770 monkeys, over 6,000 birds and a small number of tigers, panthers and cobras, from Bangkok and Calcutta and largely destined for European and U.S. zoos. Most of the monkeys, however, were to go to a New York clinic to be used in infantile paralysis research instead of guinea pigs. During the flight the animals received constant attention and the others are in good condition.

A fortnight ago a similar incident occurred here when a K.L.M. Skymaster landed with a cargo of dead and dying animals, including 20 monkeys and 30 small birds.

MORE MONEY FOR SYRIAN DEFENCE

Before going into recess the Syrian Parliament ratified a draft proposal to allocate an additional £5m. (Syrian) for the country's defence budget, ANA reports from Damascus.

KAUKJI WILL GO ON PARADE

Fawzi Kaukji, former Commander of the "Arab Liberation Army," will attend a military parade in Argentina at the beginning of next month, ANA reports. He will take four thoroughbred Arabian horses with him as a gift for President Peron. Kaukji is at present living in the Lebanon.

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PEACEFUL CONQUEST

THE opening of a central water pumping station in the Negev, fittingly combined with a first-fruits offering in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Jewish National Fund, will take its place in the annals of Israel's struggle against the desert in the South. It marks the completion of the first stage of a programme of reclamation imposing equally in conception and size, as in the speed of execution.

Within less than three years, age-long desolation has been made to recede, and vast empty spaces have been opened up. The number of settlements has increased from 14 to 36, and of inhabitants from 580 to 6,000; the area under cultivation has grown from 50,000 dunams to 200,000, cattle from 80 head to 1,500, fowl from 4,700 to 100,000. Four million trees have been planted.

Impressive as these figures of achievements are, they are modest in comparison with the plans now under way. The new pumping station will irrigate 20,000 dunams, but it is proposed to increase the irrigated area first to 100,000 dunams, and to 500,000 when the pipe-lines from the Yarkon river are laid. The fifth and last stage of this vast project is to be reached with the bringing of the waters of the Jordan to the Negev. A large central "Mekorot" installation, to be opened in the near future at Migdal-Askalon, will serve this new flow of water.

The work of development is proceeding in other directions as well. The Beersheba-Sodom highway is nearing completion, and new water supplies to Tel-Yeruham and Kurnub should make it possible to settle many new immigrants in this region. Still further to the South, valuable work is being done in the Elath area by "Shahal," the labour movement's pioneering service. With its many experiments in agriculture and afforestation, its beginnings of quarries and fisheries and various public works, the whole area presents today the picture of rapid growth and eager activity. Important new prospects were opened up with the arrival at Elath of a cargo boat from East Africa. A jetty with loading equipment recalls the beginnings of Tel Aviv herbour; a greatly improved airfield, a new hotel and bathing installations will shortly be ready to receive tourists.

The camel bells of Beduin caravans are no longer the only sign of life over this great area. The sound of tractors and hammers, of jeeps and aeroplanes has become a familiar feature of life in the Negev. But much remains to be done, and private initiative can here find almost unlimited scope for activity if it is realized that the water tap that was turned on yesterday demonstrates in a very real way the transition of the Negev from a wasteland to a homeland for uncounted thousands.

OLIVE BRANCHES

AMBIGUITY of meaning is the first result of overworking words, just as reduced output is the first result of overworking human beings. Hence it has become dangerous to use the word "peace." A patriotic English lady, who was driven by the force of her convictions to canvass against American admirals in a Portsmouth street, soon discovered that she, at any rate, was on the right side of the law. "All right," said the bobby who questioned her, "so long as it's not about peace." We must beware lest this startling misapprehension concerning mere words spreads to actions, like a new kind of Orwell doublethink. When caught probing holes with long poles, we should hate to be accused of trying to clear drains, when in fact we are attempting to catch fish. But such pointers to new kinds of thought are unerring. So when we with our agricultural equipment are accused of aggressive intentions in the north-east, we should hastily disclaim any intention of draining land and growing food, but on the contrary confess, with the guiltiest expression we can muster, that our real aim is to dig such enormous pits with our bull-dozers that all our enemies fall into them.

DISCLOSURES OF PAST RECORDS SHOCK COMMONS

The Missing Diplomats Mystery

By George Lichtheim,
POST Correspondent

LONDON.—

"THE Case of the Missing Diplomats," as the story will undoubtedly be known when Conan Doyle's successor gets down to writing it, has now been before the public for over a week, and still there is no clue to the mystery. When the Hound of the Baskervilles, in the shape of a "Daily Express" reporter, first began to bay outside No. 22la Baker St., carrying the dread news of their disappearance, it was generally thought that Scotland Yard's efficient Secret Service would soon lay the fugitives by the heels. But days have passed and today the "Express" carries an ironic cartoon showing the two lolling under a vast sun-shade in foreign parts and congratulating each other on having found a spot where there are no newspapers. This harmless explanation is, however, no longer accepted here, and darker suspicions are fed by the disclosure that one of the two missing men was a friend of the convicted atom spy Allan Nunn May.

Famous Headline

Mr. Morrison has admitted in Parliament, with a touch of irritation, that but for the now famous headline in the "Daily Express," the Foreign Office would have kept the whole thing dark. One wonders what he will say about the new shocker of today's interview with Mr. W. H. Auden, the poet and friend of the two men. Mr. Auden, now a naturalized American citizen, went to school with Maclean and knew Burgess at Cambridge and for many years after that. Interviewed at last by the "Express" bloodhound on the island of Ischia, off Naples,—where he has a villa and where Maclean and Burgess may have planned to stay after their flight — he delivered himself of the following statement, duly spread across today's front-page:

"Burgess was an open Communist in the late 'thirties. In New York, where I spend six months of the year, we met several times. While he was at the Embassy in Washington, Burgess was still pro-Communist. We met last in March this year. We talked about Fuchs and Nunn May—he was Burgess' close friend. I asked him if he had been screened, and Burgess spoke of diplomatic immunity."

Ex-Communists

Stephen Spender, Auden's friend and another prominent ex-Communist, had earlier dropped a hint by quoting a telephone conversation with Burgess on May 24 : the day before the two men disappeared. In this conversation, Burgess referred to Mr. Spender's recently published autobiography, and commended its anti-Communist tone. But that doesn't prove much, although Mr. Spender took it to mean that his friend had reformed. Reformed ex-Communists are sometimes liable to blackmail by their former employers. There are persistent rumours that both Hiss and Fuchs owe their present imprisonment to their refusal to go on working for the Russians, and it is firmly believed that Professor Pontecorvo disappeared last year after having been given a similar ultimatum. It was with this consideration in mind that some observers here at first thought Maclean and Burgess might have fled to avoid being liquidated or exposed. Mr. Auden's private theory is that they have been kidnapped after being lured to France under false pretences. Scotland Yard's private theory is that Mr. Auden has not told the whole story, and in consequence Ischia is still being discreetly watched by the Italian police: there is an idea the two men may try to hide out there. But it is also possible that they have disappeared behind the Iron Curtain, committed suicide, or—taken refuge in the Middle East. Maclean had friends in Cairo where he was posted before he had his nervous breakdown, "following which," as Mr. Morrison said solemnly amid incredulous gasps from the Opposition, "he was appointed head of the American department."

Bomb Information

Whatever the personal aspect of this affair, it seems to fit into the gradually evolving picture of ex-Communist decadence since the 'thirties. Mr. Auden is himself a prominent representative of the group, but the Burgesses are in a different class. Mr. Burgess never rose beyond the rank of Second Secretary and his only fame was won by breaking traffic regulations. If he was a friend of Nunn May, it would be difficult for him to escape from the "net." And Maclean? The two were close friends and if one was in flight, the other may well have decided to skip at the same time. But there is still the unresolved puzzle of the sudden dash to France. It is just possible that they responded to a spurious message and fell into a trap. In that case they are not likely ever to be found. Would they be of any use to their captors? Well, Mr. Auden believes that Maclean "knew quite a lot about the atom bomb," not about its technical aspects, that is, but about the number of bombs stored by the Americans.

KEEPING POSTED

AMONG the curious reasons that make a man choose a political party we propose for a prize the elderly immigrant in Beersheba, who voted Herut "because my son works for them and perhaps he would lose his job if they don't get enough votes..." The "Herut" for which the son works is, of course, the pioneer plumbing cooperative, established long before either the Herut party or its predecessor, the Etzel, had been brought into being, and therefore reluctent to abandon their old name. Herut also reports that a group of workers defiantly told the foreman (a staunch member of the Histadrut) that they were going to vote "Aleph," even though they were employed by 'Herut.'

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HAPOEL Hamizrahi at Migdal Ascalon were led into considerable optimism by the fact that their campaign pamphlets were being snapped up in great quantities. On investigation, however, it turned out that some enterprising youngsters were collecting them as fast as they could in order to sell them to vendors of sunflower seeds, who found that they were a convenient size for 20-pruta cornets.

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PERHAPS the saddest election story concerns an elderly woman who entered a shop where gift food parcels were being distributed and hopefully presented the impressive punched card she had received for the forthcoming elections. She was under the impression that it was a certificate for a parcel sent by her relatives abroad, and was indignant as well as disappointed to discover that it certified nothing but her right to vote.

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A resident of Tel Aviv was recently visited by her mother from England, who had never seen an Arab before. She was therefore delighted to see three tall Arabs wearing kefiyehs, standing outside a cafe. She was disappointed to observe that they were blonde and brown-haired, and not the fierce dark-skinned tribesmen of her imagination.

"My goodness!" remarked the lady. "But they can't be real Arabs. Maybe they're just dressed-up?"

She was horribly taken aback and embarrassed when one of the trio drew himself up haughtily and said in perfect English:

"Madam, I AM an Arab."

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FOLLOWING our recent account of the mathematical wizardry of Dr. Salo Finkelstein, a gentleman walked into our Tel Aviv office the other day and announced that he could perform many of the feats ascribed to Dr. Finkelstein. He proceeded to perform multiplication sums at lightning speed, and added up lists of 22 numbers in a matter of seconds.

"I am ready to compete with anyone in Israel in quick calculation," he announced, adding, "except Dr. Finkelstein." The challenger's name is Mr. Yaacov Gross, 52, of Jaffa, and he came to Israel three years ago. All persons interested in competing with him should contact Mr. Gross at P.O.B. 47 in Jaffa.

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TO the Postmaster's study of the working conditions of Israel postal employees, we can add our own observations that the postman's lot is not a happy one. Staying in a newly built shikun, our doorbell rang recently, and a postman, after explaining diffidently that it was his first day on the job, asked us if we could help him with a name and an address on an envelope. Quite by chance, we were able to inform him that the name was the former name of an acquaintance who was now called something else, and that the street was not yet a street, but some families had already moved into a house there. Our postman merely shrugged his shoulders, said he thought as much, and trudged on.

Today's contributors include V. P. Tel Aviv, H. Spitalny, Rehovot, Benjamin Hausmann, Jerusalem.

TEL AVIV ART NOTES

Mokady's Nostalgic World

THE Mikra Studio is showing a collection of 25 small oil paintings by Moshe Mokady. A number of his most recent works are included which show an added tendency towards simplification and abstraction and in which the paint is even more freely handled. In many cases the subject is but slightly indicated and, as always, he builds up an object by relating various *shades* of colour to one another. His art is that of suggestion rather than statement.

Mokady's particular gift of evoking a nostalgic mood is again evident in these small oils and there is fascination in the depiction of the shadowy landscapes of his lonely world. However, his finest achievements are to be found in his figure compositions and such paintings as Two Figures (2) or Figure (15) with their subtle interplay of tones and deep expressiveness are as impressive as the best of his full-scale canvases.

Mordechai Arieli

At the Tel Aviv Museum Arieli exhibits oils and gouaches executed over the last three years. His work has become more formalized and he seems to be more intent on producing a decorative pattern than anything else. At the same time he never loses sight of his subject, distorting it to fit his formal requirements. Whether his subject is a Safad scene, a still-life or a figure composition, he tends to use the same colour scheme of rich purples, mauves, blues and greys and while his use of this gamut is harmonious and pleasing, the constant repetition on each wall of the gallery induces a feeling of monotony. There is moreover a poster-like quality to much of the work but occasionally, in some of the Safad scenes and a couple of the still-lifes, he achieves compositions that have force and interest.

S. W.

Readers' Letters

HOUSING SOLUTION

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The article by your economic correspondent, on June 3, about the "adobe" hut offered as a solution to our housing crisis, was most interesting. These constructions are very well known in Asia, U.S.A., France, Germany and many other countries.

Back in 1936, the American Government Resettlement Administration established colonies in parts of California and Arizona as part of the make work policy for the unemployed. The adobe hut was selected because it is economical, fire resisting and gives good insulation.

In Arizona, where the climate is similar to ours, the adobe hut consists of sundried blocks made of the local sandy clay. The clay is mixed to form a paste, water and straw are added. This mixture is then pressed into a mould. The blocks are made into standard sizes and the mortar simply consists of clay and water. The interiors are very modern and contain all conveniences.

If the government of the United States decided to solve the housing crisis in California and Arizona in 1936 with the help of adobe huts, why don't we in Israel try to do the same today? We must break our conservative methods and we must learn to build with the help of new materials and make use of standardization and prefabrication. We can find our own way of solving the housing crisis. The Research Commission with full government support must start now with new ideas, not only in theory, but also in practice.

Yours, etc.,
Dr. E. PREYGODA,
Architect

Kfar Saba, June 8.

PARCELS RACKET

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I am glad to note, from your article on April 25, that the Israel police are finally undertaking an investigation of the parcels sent to this country through the Family Export and Shipping Co. of New York. In place of the 25-pound Passover package which I was supposed to have received after my family paid $16.50 in the States, I was offered a parcel which could not have weighed more than eight pounds, gross. This small parcel was offered to me after I had received notification to call for the food, as advised in the company's advertisement which your paper printed. Needless to say, I refused to accept the package.

I had received packages through the same company on previous occasions, and each time felt somewhat cheated. On these other occasions, although the food specified was there, I found every item to be of the inferior brands obtainable in the States. In addition, the "one-pound" cocoa tins contained cocoa already mixed with sugar and powdered milk, thereby cutting the cocoa content into about one-third, actually. The pound packages of coffee beans, the usual fare in such parcels, can be purchased in bulk lots in the States for an average of 25 or 30 cents a pound. On one occasion, I was supposed to have received "six packages of toilet soap," and I did, but the soap was the hotel size, which in the States is distributed by hotels, and is meant to last for not more than one good bath for one person for one day. The packages also listed "six cans of milk," and they too were there, but in the smallest size available and purchasable in the States for something like three cans for 20 cents.

I mention these prices only to point up that tens of dollars are paid for these packages by people who are misled by the advertising in New York. Worse yet, the people here who finally get some relation to send a package are terribly cheated.

Yours, etc.,
BEATRICE ROMANS

Haifa.

CIVIL SERVANTS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—In your issue of May 5, Mr. H. H., of Haifa, believes that the reason for the poor functioning of our Civil Service is to be found in the regulations preventing promotion more than once every 12 months, and not permitting anyone to be appointed to posts more than two salary grades higher than their present posts. Similar conditions with regard to promotion and appointments exist in the Army, yet everyone will doubtless agree that our Army is a far more efficient body than our Civil Service. Soldiers and officers for the most part work harder and for longer hours than any civil servant of equivalent rank and salary grade. In addition to their routine work they have extra duties in the evening, at night, on Saturdays, holidays, etc. The difference therefore in their respective efficiency would appear to be the spirit in which they approach their tasks.

To me and to many others who have had dealings with civil servants, it seems that many of these people fail to give adequate service even for the salaries they do receive.

Let civil servants just do their jobs fully, wholeheartedly, full time, and with some of the devotion which army personnel give to their jobs. Then, and only then, will the public possibly be expected to view with sympathy their demand for better appointments and salaries.

Yours etc.,
MIRIAM ABILEA

Ramle, June 5.

THE GOOD AND BAD

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Before leaving Israel after a stay of two months, I would like to pay a tribute to the Government Tourist Office for making my visit a great success. The variety of service which they render to tourists from all countries must be experienced to be believed.

On the other hand, I was amazed at the attitude of another servant of the public, the Israel taxi driver. On the arrival of a passenger at his destination, he sits solidly in his seat and refuses to lend any assistance with the luggage, even in the case of elderly persons. Where there has been an exception it has been due to the pure kindness on the part of an individual driver.

Several tourists, not very young, or strong, have told me that this is a fact which has interfered with their mobility in the country.

Yours, etc.
G. WOLFSON,
Public Health Officer
Liverpool, England

POSSIBLE DANGER

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—During the I.P.O. concert on June 3 the lights suddenly went out, and the "Ohel Shem" hall was plunged into complete darkness for approximately 20 minutes.

In view of the fact that in the near future such occurrences in public buildings may be reckoned with, the lack of any emergency lighting represents a source for considerable danger.

It should be the duty of the responsible authorities to intervene without delay, before a real catastrophe occurs.

It is unnecessary to point out the consequences of a panic which may easily break out among 1,200 people in a completely dark hall.

Yours etc.,
LUDWIG SCHLOSS
Kfar Shmaryahu, June 5.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

Your participation in the elections to the Second Knesset is of prime importance. The response of the electorate will show your awareness during this fateful period. It is your duty to make sure of your right to vote. Do not wait until the last minute.

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If you have not yet received your "Notice to the Voter" — go along today and examine the voters' list, at the station nearest to your home — and check your name.

If you have changed your address in town — examine the voters' list at the station nearest your former residence and look for your name on the voters' list there.

If you fail to find your name *there*, or if you have moved to another town, you should submit a claim immediately.

Ministry of Interior

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JERUSALEM BRANCH
Wednesday, June 20, at 8.15 p.m. at the
BETH HAHALUTZOTH,
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Lecture (in German) by
HEINRICH MARGULIES
OF TEL AVIV
on
"The Economic and Political Situation"
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SHARON BRANCH
Tomorrow, June 19, at 8.30 p.m.
at the Beth Am, Kfar Shmaryahu,
LECTURES BY
DR. JUSTUS SCHLOSS on
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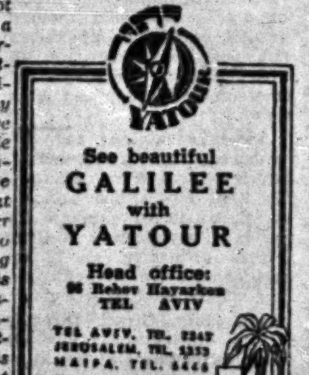

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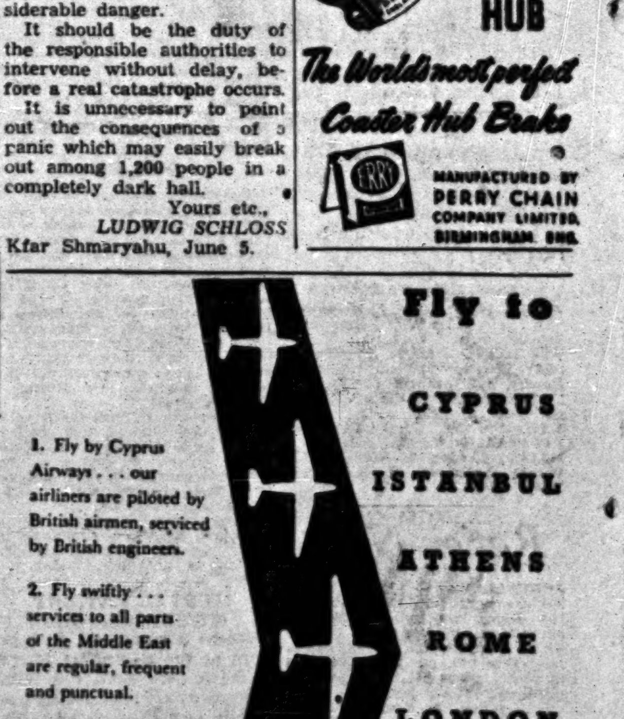

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